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Messrs. COOLEY of Oregon, MINGE, and FATTAH changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. BONILLA changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 234, I was unavoidably detained on official business and unable to vote for the agricultural appropriations bill. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3610, DEPARTMENT OF DE-FENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FISCAL YEAR 1997

Mr. SOLOMON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 104-619) on the resolution (H. Res. 453) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3610) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AUTHORIZING RUNNING OF 1996 SUMMER OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY THROUGH CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 172) authorizing the 1996 Summer Olympic Torch Relay to be run through the Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The Clerk read the Senate amendment, as follows:

Senate amendment:

Page 2, line 8, strike out all after "Grounds" down to and including "overnight," in line 9.

The SPEAKER (Mr. DREIER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so for the purpose of asking the gentleman for an explanation of the proceeding.

I yield to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. GILCHREST].

Mr. GILCHREST. Mr. Speaker, we would like to expedite this bill. There is only a minor change between what we did in the House and what they did in the Senate. The torch is going to move on. It will not spend the night here so the Senate bill did not reflect the House bill in that way. So we would like to expedite the process and agree with the Senate version of the bill

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to the changes in the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 211 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was absent due to the death of my father.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 212 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was absent, due to the death of my father. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 214 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, due to the death of my father, I was absent. If I had been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 216 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, due to the death of my father, I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 217 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was absent due to the death of my father. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 218 on H.R. 3540, the foreign operations appropriations bill, I was absent due to the death of my father. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 219 on H.R. 3562, I was absent due to the death of my father. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

CONFERENCE REPORT ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 178, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR 1997

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 450 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 450

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 178) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read. The conference report shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). The gentleman from California [Mr. DREIER] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, for purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my very good friend, the gentleman from South Boston, MA [Mr. Moakley], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. All time yielded is for the purposes of debate only.

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this rule provides for consideration of the conference report on House Concurrent Resolution 178, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997, which sets out a fiscally sound and responsible path to a balanced budget in 6 years. The rule waives all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report will be considered as read and provides 1 hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. Speaker, one of the most important things we can do for future generations of Americans is balance the Federal budget. Big government liberals controlled Congress for decades